SENATE BILL 776 By Burchett

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50 and Title 56, relative to workers' compensation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, Chapter 6, Part 4, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

50-6-421. In addition to any other remedy permitted under law, when a employer's workers' compensation insurer is insolvent under state or federal law or in a proceeding under title 56, chapter 9, and neither the insurer or the employer has provided medical care to an injured worker as required by § 50-6-204(a), then the injured worker may seek relief from a court of competent jurisdiction to obtain an order compelling the employer to comply with the provisions of § 50-6-204(a).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.